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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PLANS

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SUBJECT: Klaus ALTMANN (U)

- 1. (S) Subject, whose true name is Klaus BARBIE, aka BECKER, BEHRENS, MERTENS, SPIER, HOLZER, BEHRENDIS, KREITZ, and MAYER, was born in Germany on 25 October 1913. Subject was a source of the 970th CIC Detachment and later the 66th CIC Detachment in Germany during the period 1946 until early 1951. During this period, he was considered to be a valuable source of information.
- 2. (S) In 1951, because of the French and German efforts to apprehend Subject, the 66th CIC Detachment resettled him in South America. Subject was documented in the name of Klaus ALTMANN and routed through Austria and Italy to Bolivia. Since that time, the Army has had no contact with Subject.
- 3. (S) In December 1966, a source of USAFSG reported that an individual named Klaus ALTMANN of the firm Standard Industrial (Bolivia), La Paz, was being used as a contact man in Bolivia by Merex A. G. ALTMANN is a close friend of Hans U. RUDEL, a former Luftwaffe ace. ALTMANN allegedly has a close relationship with a number of high-ranking Bolivian officers. The latest information from the USAFSG source indicates that ALTMANN is now representing Merex A. G. in Bolivia and that he is the owner of the firm Standard Industrial (Bolivia). An Alfonso Fernandez de Luis G. (sic) is reported to be a part owner of Subject's firm. Alfonso is a former lieutenant colonel of the Bolivian Army and is an occasional instructor at the Bolivian Military Academy.
- 4. (C) It is requested that be queried for any available information on Subject. For purpose of identification, inclosed are photographs of Subject and his wife. The photographs are sixteen years old, but they were excellent likenesses at the time they were taken.

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5. (C) USAFSG is interested in re-establishing contact with Subject for purposes of an assessment of his present capabilities.

Request expeditious handling of this request for information as the Case Officer who is personally acquainted with Subject is due for reassignment in the summer of this year.

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INTELLIGENCE:

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1. Photograph of Subject (UNCLAS)

2. Photograph of Subject's Wife (UNCLAS)

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